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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - TIA AFFINITY CHARTERS

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1. TIA JULY 20 US-NICE-ROME CHARTER OPERATED AS SCHEDULED. CIVILAVIA CHIEF AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES SITAJOLO APPROVED FLIGHT AFTER LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS WITH TIA'S OAKLAND HEADQUARTERS AND TIA'S PARIS-BASED EUROPEAN REP, JACK DONDI. AT CIVILAVIA REQUEST, EMBASSY PREPARED AND DELIVERED TO SITAJOLO A LETTER REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, WITHOUT WHICH FLIGHT WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

2. DONDI FLEW TO ROME JULY 23 TO KEEP PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH SITAJOLO TO DISCUSS REMAINING FLIGHTS IN US-NICE-ROME PROGRAM. (THERE ARE FIVE FLIGHTS REMAINING, ONE WEEK APART STARTING JULY 26-27, 1975, IN THIS ONE-WEEK AFFINITY CHARTER PROGRAM.) SITAJOLO, HOWEVER, REFUSED SEE DONDI AND LOCAL TIA REP WHEN THEY CALLED AT CIVILAVIA. DONDI HAS TELEXED TIA HEADQUARTERS TO CANCEL ITALIAN SECTION OF FIVE REMAINING FLIGHTS.

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3. TIA HAS REFERRED MATTER TO OFFICE OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT MARTINELLI, IN HOPES THAT HE OR CHIEF OF CABINET COLLINI WILL ORDER CIVILAVIA TO AUTHORIZE FIVE REMAINING FLIGHTS. UNFORTUNATELY, MESSAGE SENT TO MARTINELLI, WITH COPIES TO EMBASSY AND NUMEROUS OTHERS, CONTAINED SOMEWHAT INTEMPERATE LANGUAGE AND FUZZES FACTS.

4. ISSUE IS WHETHER MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS ARE PERMISSABLE FOR SINGLE AFFINITY AND/OR SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS. (TIA PROGRAM INVOLVES TWO AFFINITY GROUPS ON ONE DC-10, ONE GROUP DESTINED FOR NICE AND THE OTHER FOR ROME.) CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS ARE SILENT ON THIS POINT. SITAJOLO SAYS THAT, IN ABSENCE SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION IN REGULATIONS, SUCH AFFINITY CHARTERS NOT RPT NOT PERMITTED. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HIS INTERPRETATION NOT SHARED BY MOST OF CIVILAVIA'S CHARTER OPERATIONS STAFF AND THAT AT LEAST ONE SUCH CHARTER AUTHORIZED BY SITAJOLO LAST YEAR.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER CAB REGULATIONS PERMIT MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS FOR SINGLE AFFINITY AND/OR SPLIT AFFINITY CHARTERS ARRIVING IN THE US. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO SEEK MINISTRY TRANSPORT APPROVAL FOR MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS OF AFFINITY CHARTERS. (EMBASSY WOULD SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE RATHER THAN SPECIFIC TIA REQUEST.) VOLPE

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